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For: "A ME

"A METHOD FOR REDUCING

CORROSION OF A HEAD ELEMENT DURING THE MANUFACTURE OF A DISK

DRIVE" (as amended)

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 21, 2004. A check in the amount of \$104.00 is enclosed for the addition of one dependent claim and one independent claim.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Please delete the original title

MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD PROTECTION

and substitute in its place the following:

A METHOD FOR REDUCING CORROSION OF A HEAD ELEMENT DURING THE MANUFACTURE OF A DISK DRIVE.